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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages 1-10 as originally filed/furnished

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☒ the claims:

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☒ the drawings:

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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
☐ the claims, Nos. _____
☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
☐ the claims, Nos. _____
☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-11</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. Citations and Explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-11 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4) because the prior art does not each or fairly suggest providing a correction factor corresponding to a saturation value, as specified in independent claim 1. The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest using a number of samples to perform a comparison and generating a response to the comparison, as specified in independent claim 3. The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest an erase circuit for comparing the number with a second threshold and determining if the number exceeds the second threshold, whereby the segment of data is erased when second threshold is exceeded, as specified in independent claim 10.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----

NONE

Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

Continuation of:

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for determining, in a timeslot, the initial setting of a gain control loop; the gain control loop being included in a receiver of a communication system which utilizes repeating frames, each frame having a plurality of timeslots; the method comprising:

storing the setting of the gain control loop for a particular timeslot;

retrieving said stored setting in the corresponding timeslot of a subsequent frame;

providing a correction factor corresponding to a saturation value;

and

adjusting said setting by [a] said correction factor to provide said initial setting.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said correction factor is $10^{\Delta/20}$, where Δ is a predetermined offset.

3. A method for determining the setting of a gain control loop; the gain control loop being included in a receiver of a communication system which utilizes repeating frames, each frame having a plurality of timeslots; the method comprising:

receiving a segment of data, the segment of data comprising a plurality of samples;

determining, from said plurality of samples, the number of said samples which exceed a first threshold;

setting the gain of the gain control loop for a particular timeslot based, at least in part, upon said number and

using said number to perform a comparison and generating a response in response to said comparison.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein said segment of data includes a first portion whereby samples are examined and a second portion whereby samples are not examined.

5. The method of claim 4 wherein said first portion is a sampling period and said second portion is a skip period.

6. The method of claim 3, further comprising adjusting said gain by a power correction factor.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein said power correction factor depends, at least in part, upon said number.

8. The method of claim 7, further comprising a lookup table, which receives said number and outputs said power correction factor.

9. The method of claim 3, further comprising comparing said number to a second threshold; whereby if said second threshold is exceeded, said segment of data is deleted.

10. An automatic gain control (AGC) circuit, comprising:
an AGC loop, for receiving a segment of data comprising a plurality of samples; the AGC loop determining a gain setting and outputting said segment of data;
a saturation detection circuit, responsive to said output from said AGC loop, for determining the number of samples which exceed a first threshold; and
an erase circuit, for comparing said number with a second threshold, and determining if said number exceeds said second threshold; whereby said segment is erased when said second threshold is exceeded.

11. The AGC circuit of claim 10, wherein said saturation detection circuit further comprises a look-up table, for receiving said number and outputting a corresponding power correction factor; and

wherein said AGC loop adjusts said gain setting responsive, at least in part, to said power correction factor.